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Why is it that the DOJ has agreed to the settlement but now certain states do not like it? Have those states contributed money for the prosecution of the cases or was it all funded by the Federal Government. I would also guess that the states that are holding out have a large present of Microsoft competitors in their states.

In addition, the competitors appear to be looking for the states to make it easier for them to compete- what happened to the FREE MARKET?

Let's get this over with before we have another MA BELL fiasco!

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